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The manner of the taking twenty Marchant Ships, belonging to Bristoll, by the ever renowned Vice-Admirall, Captain *Swanley*.

BY Letters from Captaine *Swanley*, Vice-Admirall of the Irish Seas, it is signified that after hee had taken Duncannon Fort in Ireland (a place of great consequence, and of much strength, and cleered those Coasts from all Pirats and Robbers by Sea, he sent about twelve

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lusty ships, Men of Warre, well manned, towards Bristoll Coast, where casting Ankor at a great distance, the said Captaine *Swanley* sent out a small Pinnace towards King Road, for the discovering of any Rovers or other Ships whatsoever, who sayling towards that Coast, discovered with a prospective glasse a farre off a fleet of Ships, who immediatly steered about, and returned to Captain *Swanley*, certifying him, that there was sixteene Ships under sayle at King Road, which onely stayed for the advantage of a wind to bring them out on those Seas, on which his Squadron of ships did lye; this good tydings quickned the vigilant Captain, who forthwith gave command that all things should be put in a readinesse to entertain them.

He had not waited long but (the wind serving for them) he discovered them one evening to come up altogether that way, and commanding the rest of the ships to keepe a loofe off untill the night came on, that they might not be discovered, he gave them leave to come up close unto him, and according to his vigilant discretion and brave policy, being im-

immediatly seconded with his whole Squadron he let fly a broad side at them, and commanded them to yeeld, who seeing that they were circumvented and past all hopes of recoverie, yeelded and submitted to his mercie finding no other hopes to escape.

This was done neer to Milford Haven, and as it was a service of great advantage unto us so it is a great weakning to the City of Bristoll in partieular being a very rich prize and of great value.

The last newes wee have received of his Maiestes Forces is, that they are now fortefying the *Devices* in Wiltshire, which is some ten miles from Marleborough, Prince Rupert and Prince Maurice are both at Oxford, Prince Maurice (as we are informed) hath laid down his Coumission, and so wee hear hath Sir *Arthur Aston* the late Governour of Oxford, who for his extreme cruelty is justly hated of all. The losse of his legge hath rendred him unfit for the service of the War, and the continuall practice of his cruelty hath rendred him unworthy of the least compassion.

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Here followeth his Majestis Letter to his Nephew to the Prince Elector, Prince Palatine of the Rhyne.

NEPHEW,

IT being a naturall curiosity in mee to know the reason of your actions, I had never so much reason as now to desire it. As I much wondered at, so as yet *I* never knew the reason of your journey from *York* to *Holland*, but your comming at this time into this Kingdome, is in all respects much more strange to me; and believe me, the consideration of your Mothers Son is the chiefest, I may say the onely cause of this my curiosity: For as to my affaires, your being here in the way you are, is not of that importance as to make mee curious to inquire upon your actions, but the great affection I beare

bearmy ſiſter, being a ſufficient reaſon for mee to deſire, that all who appertain to Her, ſhould give a fair account of their actions, makes me now ask you, Firſt, upon what invitation you are come. Secondly, the deſign of your comming, wiſhing that by your anſwer, I may have the ſame cauſe and comfort I have heretofore had to be,

Your loving Vncle, and faithfull Friend,

CHARLES REX.

SIR,

I Have received with all humility, the honour your Majesty was pleased to do me by your last Message; and shall by these, in obedience to your commands, offer unto you that dutifull satisfaction which I have hitherto omitted, onely in expectation of a fit opportunity. At my departure from the Hague, I gave Sir *William Boswell* your Majesties Resident there, notice of my intention; At my arrivall here, I found severall, and some most malicious comments made upon it, and therefore thought it most expedient to deliver to both Houses of Parliament such reasons of my comming hither, as I send herewith, for your Maiesties view: and being very confident, that I have expressed therein my duty and affection to Gods Cause, my respects to the Parliament, and to my long (in all kinds) suffering Family, nothing against that which I owe Your Maiesty: I should be as sory that any other cause (but that which you are pleased to mention) should move you, at this time, more then at any other, to inquire into my actions, whereof I shall ever give so faire an account, that it will cleerly appear to the world that the mentioned ends were my only invitation, and are still my onely designe. Thus wishing your Maiesty a concurrence with your Parliament at Westminster, and all other spirituall and temporall blessings, I rest,

Your Majesties most humble, and obedient Nephew, and Servant.

Charles Lodowick.

Yesterday being the fourteenth of *January*, we had intelligence from our Forces under the command of Coll. *Forbus*, that having planted their Battering Pieces in a considerable place within eight score yards of the Castle, hee hath sent in Summons, to avoid, if it be possible, the effusion of blood; but if refused, you will speedily hear more; for when all means of mercy hath been used, and all wayes sought to avoid the effusion of blood, if then clemency be refused, there remains nothing but justice.